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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.111**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated February 26, 2008, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on May 27, 2008 (May 26, 2008 being a federal holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. If any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 4 of this Response

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Response.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached replacement sheets of drawings includes changes to Figure 6 and Figure 7. Figure 6 and Figure 7 have been amended to include the "Prior Art" designation, as suggested by the Examiner. These sheets, which includes Figure 6 and Figure 7, replace the original sheets for Figure 6 and Figure 7. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets